

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Minutes for Conference Call

Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:00pm – 9:45 pm - All Members – Statewide

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Members Present: Sai Abbaraju, Rohan Aggarwal, Joel Baumann, Nick Beckwith, Jacob Bundt, Anne Edwards, Agatha Fenech, Pablo Haake, Rekha Karuparthi, Marissa Kephart, Mary Korch, Jake Mathahs, Jenna McCoy, Katie Melbourne, Gina Mostafa, Sruthi Palaniappan, Danielle Reyes, Luke Theuma, Benjamin Votroubek, and Cody Woodruff

Members Absent: Danielle Reyes

Staff Present: Teri Bailey (AMP) Betsy Penisten and Steve Michael

I. Roll Call and Announcements

Karuparthi took roll call. Haake reminded the council that the legislative session is starting on Monday, January 13, 2014. The Governor's State Address will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. SIYAC and IYC members will be attending.

II. Approve Minutes from December 29, 2013

Theuma moved to approve the December 29, 2013 minutes. Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the minutes.

III. AMP Discussion

Theuma looked into the AMP legislation regarding human trafficking. He encouraged the council to work with this issue. Theuma also talked about the anti-bullying curriculum legislation. This legislation would specifically enforce teacher training. Mostafa talked about number 1 under the "Aging Out" section, which states that it would provide the proper facilities and benefits needed for adopted children 16 or older.

At this time, Beckwith moved to extend the discussion. Theuma seconded. The council unanimously agreed to extend the AMP discussion.

Mostafa also talked about how synthetic drugs should have the same legal consequences like other drugs. An example of this would be e-cigars. No regulations are enforced on e-cigars because they are new. Beckwith tabled this item. Korch seconded. The council unanimously agreed to table this item.

IV. AMP Endorsement Vote

Theuma moved to endorse item number 1 under “Victim Services.” Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to endorse this item.

Theuma moved to endorse item 1 under “Educational Requests.” Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to endorse this item.

V. Legislative Session Preparation

Haake told the council that with this legislative session being shorter, SIYAC must step it up by contacting legislators and writing position statements for SIYAC’s Day on the Hill.

VI. Committee Updates

Health: Mostafa discussed the Breakfast Campaign. She hopes that there will be a meeting in Iowa City in the future. Also, her school will be having a meeting soon. The tanning bill’s position statement is written. The PSA video is still in progress.

Mental Health: Abbaraju brought up HS 446, as this bill might already have legislative regarding suicide training. The Mental Health committee plans on using the lobbying day (Day on the Hill) to the best of their advantage. Abbaraju is also looking into providing a flyer about the bills for the legislators.

Thuma motioned to extend the committee updates. Palanappain seconded.

Education: Palanappain is contacting legislators via e-mail. For the book drive, Reach Out and Read is helping by contacting local people and libraries.

Legislative: Mathahs sent out the google documents to the Legislative Affairs committee. The documents are organized by what legislators should be contacted for each bill.

VII. Committee Plan Approval

Health: Aggarwal moved to approve the health committee’s plans. Mathahs seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the health committee’s plans.

Mental Health: Mathahs moved to approve the mental health committee’s plans. Palaniappan seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the mental health committee’s plans.

Education: Theuma moved to approve the education committee’s plans. Bundt seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the education committee’s plans.

Legislative Affairs: Korch moved to approve the legislative affairs committee's plans. Woodruff seconded. The council unanimously agreed to approve the legislative affairs committee's plans.

VIII. Chair Updates

Service: Korch discussed the beginning steps to set up a book drive if a SIYAC member is interested. Firstly, find a place, and then get in contact with Reach Out and Read.

Public: The Youth Expert's flyer is officially finished. Now, Fenech is working on the recruitment video.

Legislative: With the session open, contacting legislators will be a lot easier. Mathahs will be sending out an e-mail that will include a template for contacting legislators.

IX. Other Business/Public Comments

SIYAC's 3rd Quarter Meeting will be held on February 6, 2014, which is also the Day on the Hill.

X. Meeting Adjourns

Woodruff moved to adjourn the meeting. Theuma seconded. The council unanimously agreed to adjourn.